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SUBJECT:SECRETARY VANCE'S ATLANTIC CITY SPEECH

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS ON ZAIRE FROM SECRETARY VANCE'S
SPEECH ON AFRICA BEFORE JAYCEES ATLANTIC CITY MEETING:
QUOTE:

IN ZAIRE, AS IN THE HORN, HISTORICAL DISPUTES AND ETHNIC
DIFFERENCES HAVE FUELED A SERIOUS CONFLICT.

WHEN ZAIRE'S SHABA PROVINCE WAS INVADED LAST MONTH FROM
ANGOLA, WE COOPERATED WITH OTHER NATIONS TO RESCUE THOSE
TRAPPED IN THE FIGHTING, TO HELP PRESERVE ZAIRE'S TERRITORI-
AL INTEGRITY, AND TO HELP PREVENT ITS ECONOMIC COLLAPSE.
WE DEMONSTRATED THAT WE CAN ACT IMMEDIATELY, FIRMLY AND
SENSIBLY IN RESPONSE TO AFRICAN REQUESTS.

EVEN IF STABILITY IS RESTORED IN SHABA, HOWEVER, IT WOULD
NOT FINALLY SOLVE ZAIRE'S PROBLEMS. THAT NATION IS STILL
THREATENED BY SEVERE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND THE PROSPECT OF
TERRITORIAL FRAGMENTATION. THE FUTURE DEPENDS PRIMARILY
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ON WHAT ZAIRE ITSELF IS WILLING TO DO, WITH THE HELP OF
OTHERS, TO MEET THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IT FACES.

WE ARE PREPARED, ALONG WITH OTHERS, TO HELP ZAIRE GET
BACK ON ITS FEET. BUT THE ECONOMIC SECURITY ASSISTANCE WE
PROVIDE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A GENUINE EFFORT ON ZAIRE'S
PART TO SOLVE ITS LONG-TERM PROBLEMS. INCREASED ECONOMIC

AID TO ZAIRE WITHOUT INTERNAL ECONOMIC REFORMS WOULD BE FRUITLESS. WESTERN SECURITY ASSISTANCE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE COOPERATION OF ZAIRE IN STRENGTHENING THE MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF ITS ARMED FORCES. AND UNTIL THERE IS BROADER PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL LIFE OF ZAIRE, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE REAL STABILITY.

IN ADDITION, IF WE ARE TO AVOID MORE SHABA INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE, ZAIRE AND ANGOLA MUST REACH AGREEMENT TO RESPECT THEIR COMMON BORDER AND NOT TO INTERFERE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

IN THIS CONNECTION, WE BELIEVE IT COULD BE HELPFUL TO INCREASE OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT AND BEGIN WORKING WITH IT IN MORE NORMAL WAYS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE PROSPECTS FOR RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ANGOLA AND ZAIRE, AS WELL AS FOR ACHIEVING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA.

IN THESE AREAS OF CONFLICT, AND IN THE PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONTINENT, WE ARE PURSUING A FIRM AND SENSIBLE STRATEGY TO PROMOTE OUR LONG-TERM INTERESTS AND STRENGTHEN OUR TIES WITH AFRICAN NATIONS. IT COMBINES EFFORTS TO AVOID EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION AND POSITIVE REGIONAL POLICIES THAT RESPOND TO LOCAL REALITIES. END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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